

2017-18 Norwich Budget Guidelines

In an effort to achieve excellence in education, financial sustainability and public accountability in the Norwich School District, the Norwich School Board adopts the following budget guidelines for the development of the 2017-18 budget:

1. When preparing the budget, the administration and board should be mindful of the external factors that influence the final town tax rate (CLA, Dresden assessment, statewide education tax rate).
2. The administration should continue efforts to present creative staffing patterns that would result in efficient use of FTEs. In addition, the administration and board should use the budget process to determine if existing programs are making the most effective use of resources.
3. Strive to ensure that contract negotiations result in agreements that are beneficial to both staff and community.
4. The administration and board will evaluate educational expenditures borne by parents throughout the year, and determine if more appropriate methods of funding should be explored.
5. The administration and board will provide information to help taxpayers understand the relationship between the budget and the quality of education provided by the District. To meet this goal, the board seeks a budget document that provides a written explanation of:
 - The levels of proposed spending for 2017-18.
 - The reasoning behind differences in the proposed spending levels for the 2016-17 budget versus the 2017-18 budget.
 - The ability of the 2017-18 budget to promote excellence in the Marion Cross School.